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Our Wounded Soldiers and the Millions We Pay Them.

HALF MILLION OF PENSIONERS

ion. Green B. Raum Gives a Meet In structive Telk on the Condition of the Great Pension Bureau.

The following article is the suba long conversation with Gen. G. Raum, the commissioner of penal aum, the commissioner of pensions, a dictated in response to questions, sen carefully revised and is given a as it came from the mouth of one o best posted pension men in the of States. The United States is at the head of the nations of the in the giving of pensions. No great pension roll will compare case, and we give away dollars o other governments give away other governments give away. There were few wars like the civil war. Our armies were the



biggest in history. More than 2,000,000 men fought under the flag of the union before the great robellion was quelied. Of these more than 200,000 fell in battle or were borne in endiess processions from 100 hospitals to the cities of the dead. Hundreds of thousands more suffered from wounds received or from diseases contracted in the service, and our pension roll is the wonder of the world.

it may be fairly said that none can so fully appreciate the force and meaning of these ghastly figures as those who took part in the struggle and yet sur-vive. The volunteers who fought the war to its end did not do it for the oney there was in it. The pay and money there was in it. The pay and bounties were not large enough to tempt cupidity, much less to weigh in the scale against life itself. We must accord to them the most emaited motive of a patriotic daty. It is not likely that one in a hundred of them had a thought when he culisted upon the matter of a penalon. He only knew that his country was in imminent peril and that his services were needed to strike down those who had assalied her flag. It is not justice to regard as a gratuity the pensions that are being paid to the widow and the fatherless and to those who were disabled in battle or by disease. We as a people have no more sacred duty than to care for those who secrificed so

than to care for those who secrificed so much.

The number of pensioners now on the relia to \$25,000 are "invalids" and 197,000 are widows, orphane and dependent relatives resulting from the war of the rebelitest 400 are survivors and 8,500 widows of the Mexican war. Under the operation of the number of pensioners will be increased probably 300,000, as soon as the claims can be adjudicated. At the time this bill was passed there was pending, under the laws then in force, about 500,000 slaims. A large per cent of these will be duplicates of applications under the recent act so that the number of new slaims will not be as large as the figures would indicate.

It is not pessible to form a definite spinion when the maximum of the pension roll will be reached, or how large it will then be, either in the number of pensioners or of the amount paid, as these are wholly contingent upon legislintion by congress. Should a general service pension be granted, placing all survivors upon the roll, the highest point would at once be attained. From that moment the decline would begin and would be rapid.

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A careful estimate pieces the number of survivors of the union army July 1, 1995, at 1,700,000. It will be understood



portion of the soldiers of the union army were under \$1. The average age at calistment was about \$2. It is estimated that the largest number to reach the age of \$2 in any one year will be in 1965, when there will be 60,000. Such persons were about 17 when discharged from the army. In 1966 there will be shout 54,000, 1907, 10,000 in 1900, 3,700, and in 1506 only 1807. These last are the rear guard of the great patriotic procession. They shouldered munkets at 15 and marched away to the field.

The rote of mortality among the soldiers indicates that of the present survivors about \$35,000 will live to reach the age of 62. But if a service pension should be made operative at that age not more than two-thirds of this number would be upon the rell at any one time. The greater part of those who have already reached that age, or will reach it during the next half-dogro years, will have passed away before the point shall have been reached by the youngest.

The aggregate amount paid for pensions since 1861 exceeds \$1,100,000,000,000, about a third of what the war cout the government during its continuance. The amount stated includes, however, the sums paid to the pensioners of the war of 1813, the Maxionn war and Indian wars. Above ainsty per cent. was paid to pensioners of the war of the rebellion. As the laws stand to day the amount required for some time to come will be about \$140,000,000 a year. It is not likely in any event, unless there be further legislation, to greatly exceedathat sum, as the future yearly additions to the roll will be nearly offset by those dropped by reason of death and other causes. The time is not remote when, in the course of sature, the survivors of the late war will be so reduced in number that the pension roll will cease to be a burden upon the people, even if it can now be considered such.

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Taking the pension roll as an index. Ohio has a larger number of soldiers than any other state. New York is second and Pennsylvania third; then, in the order named, Indiana, Illinois, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas and Massachusetta. It is prebable, however, that the ratio of pensioners to the whole number of soldiers is greater in the older states, as those who went to seek their fortunes in the west were the more robust and healthy men, who had not been disabled by the casualties of war. Kansas has larger per cent of soldiers than any other. Nine-tenths of them served in the war from other states. Almost every regiment of the union army, from Maine to Minnesota, has its representatives in Kansas. In a greater or less degree the same is true of Nebraska and all the states of the great west and northwest. Not less great west and northwest. Not less than fifteen thousand union soldiers have found homes in Texas, where they have shared in the development of that wonderful state.

Nearly fifty foreign countries are represented on the pension roll, the individuals who have sought other climes numbering nearly \$,500. There are 1,100 pensioners in Canada and some 400 each o Germany and Great Britain. The remainder are distributed among all the lands upon which the sun shines. There are pensioners in Africa, China, Fiji, Japan and New Zealand. They are in all the countries of Europe, South America and the farthest isles of the sea. It is safe to assume that these men

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Without a second thought it would seem anomalous that while there are on the pension rolls but 413 survivors of the war of 1612 there are 8,610 widows. A selecter who served in that war at the age of 16 or 15 years must now, if living, be 90 or more. It will be but a short time till all these will have passed away.

The large number of widows is due to the fact that many of the old veterans took to themselves wives who were much younger than themselves. No doubt in the majority of these cases they were second or third marriages. So it is that there are upon the roll more than \$,000 widows of soldiers of that war. Most of them are advanced in age, and from year to year the list will rapidly grow less.

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It is not difficult to understand that there are no survivors of the revolutionary war. A boy of 15 in the last year of the struggle for independence would, if living, be now considerably past 120 years of age. But there yet remain come twenty-five revolutionary widows. The youngest of them is 71. Ten of them are in the 80's and seven of them in the 90's. Two are 98. In the course of nature they will soon cease to draw of nature they will soon cease to draw free the patriotic bounty of the repub-lic.

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Reported for the Press.

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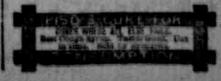
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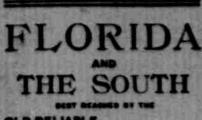
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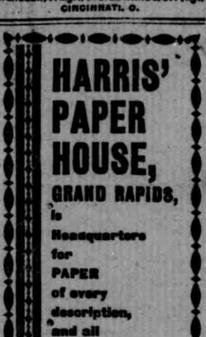
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